

# Crawford County



**County Commissioners**  
**Chairman**  
Eric Henry  
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**Secretary/Treasurer**  
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Allen Clark, Conneautville  
Eric Coston, East Mead  
John Fuller, Vernon Central  
Robert Horvat, Vernon Township

## Fire Commission

c/o Crawford County DPS  
632 Pine Street  
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

**Fire Commission Members**  
Phil Koon, Saegertown  
Joe Lamey, Titusville  
Bob McCartney, Fallowfield  
MaryAnn Menanno, Meadville  
Jim Pratt, West Mead #2  
Ryan Sekerski, Cochranton  
Kris Simmons, Crawford DPS/911  
Joe Smock, Meadville  
Justin Sullivan, Townville  
John Treacy, Conneaut Lake  
Bob Wimer, Greenwood

## Crawford County Fire Commission

### Stakeholder Subcommittee Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2022 Crawford County DPS

#### **Attending:**

Allen Clark, Conneautville Fire Dept.  
John Treacy, Conneaut Lake Fire Dept.  
Eric Henry, Crawford County Commissioner

#### **Excused:**

Phil Koon, Saegertown Fire Dept.

#### I. Stakeholder Subcommittee Members Discussion

- a. Commissioner Henry said we need to add people to this Subcommittee that who can bring value to it. What value does the community put on fire protection and what are they willing to pay?
- b. Some suggested names were; Jay Verno, Greg Bush, Kim Flynn from Starn Marketing. Try to identify and invite paid retired firefighters from Pittsburgh or Cleveland. Phil Koon to reach out to someone in the Saegertown Fire District to invite.

#### II. Subcommittee Objectives to Discuss

- a. Lift Assists – invite medical alarm companies to next meeting
- b. Trees Down – invite township, borough, PennDOT to next meeting
- c. Education – need to educate the public and elected officials of where the funding comes from and where our funding goes towards and the increasing costs. Some municipalities do not contribute any funds for fire protection and some think fireman’s relief is their contributions although it is only a pass through from insurance companies. We need to have outreach meetings to help educate the public.

- d. GIS Survey – It was suggested to ask Phil Baranyai to create a fire survey in GIS Survey 123 that would obtain information from the public on their perception of the fire service in Crawford County.
- e. Funding Sources – fire taxes, billing for fire responses, others
- f. Mapping – it would be a good visual to put on a map how much municipalities contribute from either a fire tax they collect or what they pay from tax dollars to fire departments.

### III. Stakeholder Next Meeting

- a. It was suggested to have the next Stakeholder meeting on either August 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at DPS.